

in extenuation by the authorities that "this was a very unfortunate blunder." It appeared to Es-kim-in-zin like trickery and he became enraged. He was stirred to revenge, and later, either he, or one of his friends, killed a white man.

His friends maintain that it was wonderful that he stopped at the death of only one of a race with which he had formerly maintained relations of perpetual war, and who, since a truce was declared, had exercised, as he believed, and had reason to believe; so much treachery and cruelty toward him and his people,

The enemies of Es-kim-in-zin emphasized his alleged crime by saying that the man that was killed had befriended him. His friends said that these people lost sight of the fact that all this treachery, cruelty and murder toward the Apaches was enacted after the most solemn assurances of friendship and protection had been made to the Indians by the commissioned officers of the American government.

One of the papers filed in behalf of Es-kim-in-zin contains the following paragraph: "Is it not strange that we can pass lightly over 128 treacherous and cowardly murders instigated by white men, while we carefully treasure the memory of a single killing by an Indian, and after the lapse of twenty three years point to him and say: 'This man murdered his friend,' without even giving him the benefit of the circumstances which instigated the crime.

Within the two years which followed the massacre at old Camp Grant, Special Commissioner Colyer and Gen. O. O. Howard visited Arizona. Post-office Inspector Clum says these officers did not find Es-kim-in-zin "treacherous cruel and bad," but that, on the contrary, they had great confidence in him, and that General Howard believed in the old chief. Mr. Clum states that when he went to Arizona in 1874 as the Indian agent at San Carlos he found Ef-kim-in-zin a prisoner-of-war at new Camp Grant in irons, engaged in making adobes for the soldiers, and that then, as now, there were no specific charges against him. Mr. Clum said that the officers at the post told him the In-